

2003 Report of Accomplishments

Eastern Klickitat Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2003 – Summary

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Typical Root Wad for fish Habitat

Mission of the Eastern Klickitat Conservation District

- *To promote conservation and enhance the natural resource base*
- *and it's related industries within Central Klickitat Conservation*
- *District through the voluntary involvement of its citizens.*

Water Quality Implementation

- *Eastern Klickitat CD paid out \$7067 in cost sharing water quality improvement projects. These included converting wheat/fallow ground to permanent cover, erosion seeding following a major wildfire, and converting from conventional farming to direct seeding or no-till farming.*
- *The trees and shrub program helps area landowners implement their Best Management Practices on their land using conservation practices required for certain CRP and Continuous CRP contracts, as well as CREP for qualifying streams.*
- *The Forest Incentive Program (FIP) paid for a significant amount of reforestation this fiscal year, and the district assisted with some technical aspects of that program.*

Basic Funding

- *Eastern Klickitat CD helped residents obtain trees and shrubs for conservation planting this spring. Over 88,000 trees and shrubs required by CCRP, CRP and CREP programs were ordered through our district office. In addition, several thousand plants were obtained from other sources. Most of these plants were purchased to provide wildlife habitat, create windbreaks, and protect soil and water quality.*
- *This is the 9th consecutive year of a comprehensive water quality monitoring program. Twenty four sites have been selected and monitored at different levels of intensity. All of the streams are monitored for temperature, stream flow, pH, nitrates and dissolved oxygen. Several other physical measurements are taken and recorded.*

Professional Engineering

Our cluster engineer provided engineering design for 7 districts in this grant cycle. Projects included fish screens, livestock watering pipelines and ponds, stream bank enhancements, stream bank repairs, fish passage structures and irrigation systems.

Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration

- *EKCD is cooperating with WSU on a direct seed test plot for farming BMPs.*
- *A watershed stream bank restoration project on Pine Creek was started this year. A preliminary survey was done, and a preliminary cost estimate was completed. No funding was found, so the project is on hold at the present time.*

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- *Eastern Klickitat CD continues to provide pesticide re-certification credits for the annual meeting.*
- *EKCD is represented on WRIA 31. The Rock Creek CRMP was established under the direction of District Supervisors and Staff.*
- *In cooperation with WSU, EKCD assisted with a tour of farm plots designed to study various dryland farming problems. The studies involve root diseases, variety trials, conservation practices and crop rotations.*

Information & Education

- *We continue to work with area schools to provide instruction and hands on planting practice and conservation principles.*

Washington Conservation Districts assisting land managers with their conservation choices



EKCD Plot Tour 2002